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SUBJECT: AUTOMATIC VOTING MACHINE CONTROVERSY

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1. RE PARA THREE REFTEL, THIS MORNING I RECEIVED JAMES DONLEY, WHO SAYS HE HAS LEFT TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND IS CURRENTLY A CONSULTANT FOR REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK OF NEW YORK. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AN AMERICAN LAWYER NAMED WALTER H WEINER AND BY REPUBLIC NATIONAL' S LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE, FERNANDO NUSSENBAUM.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST FOR ADVICE, I SAID THAT IT SEEMED TO ME THE COURSE OF WISDOM WOULD BE TO SAY NOTHING. AFTER ALL, THE ISSUANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT TO AUTOMATIC VOTING MACHINES DID NOT IMPLY GUILT BY ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER (ALTHOUGH COGNIZANT OF RISK OUTLINED PARA TWO REFTEL) I SAID THAT TOMORROW I WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY WHEN EMMANUELLI, THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE VENEZUELAN EQUIVALENT OF OUR SECURITY AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ADDRESSES MONTHLY MEETING OF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HAND HIM INFORMALLY A SPANISH TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER FROM OUR COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY ESTABLISHING GOOD REPUTATION AND BONA FIDES OF REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK. I THINK THIS

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APPROACH IS ABOUT ALL EMBASSY SHOULD UNDERTAKE AT THIS
TIME, AND REMINDED DONLEY AND CO. OF THE FRENCH
PROVERB THAT " QUI S' EXCUSE S' ACCUSE."

3. MESSRS. DONLEY AND HIS GROUP SAID THEY CONCURRED IN THIS
LINE OF PROCEDURE.
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